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In re Application of:)	
LAMBA et al.) Confirmation No:	1524
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For: "METHOD FOR PRODUCING ADDITIVE CARBON BLACK"))	

ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004, Applicants respond as indicated in the **Remarks** that immediately follow.

REMARKS

Originally filed Claims 1-76 are pending in the Application. The Office Action imposed a restriction requirement that purported to restrict the claims into four groups, as recited below:

I. Claims 1-33, 69 and 70, drawn to a method of producing an additive carbon black with neat amine antidegradant, classified in class 423 subclass 449.2+.